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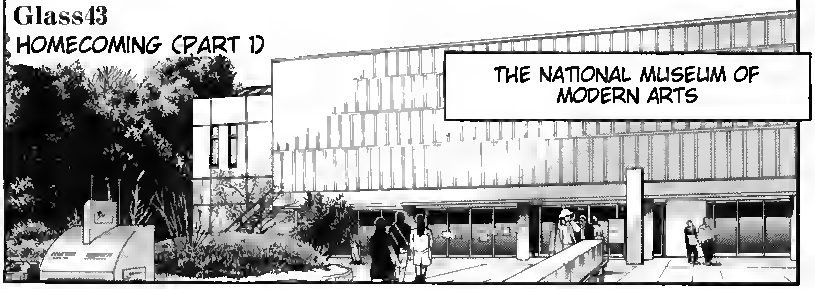

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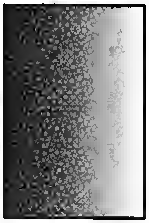
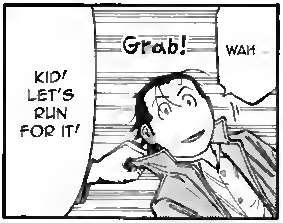
Splash ...
EHH? SI, SIR, WHAT ARE YOU DOING... !
WHA ...
HE HE ..

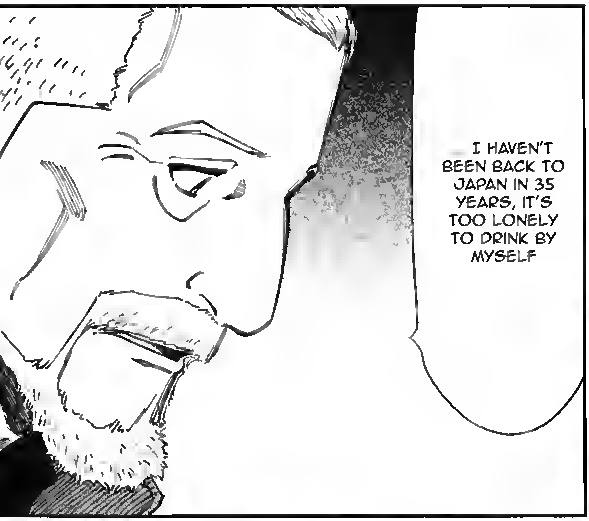
YOU, YOU TWO? I'M NOT INVOLVED
HEY, YOU TWO! WHAT'RE YOU DOING OVER THERE!?



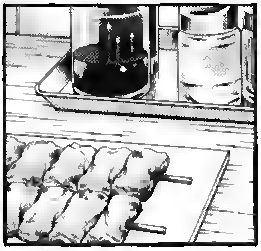

Grab!
WAH
KID! LET'S RUN FOR IT!

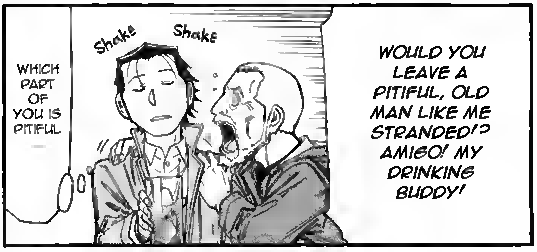
HA HA HA! SINCE YOU'RE A BARTENDER YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH DRUNK PEOPLE RIGHT?
YOU'RE GOING TO DRINK MORE?

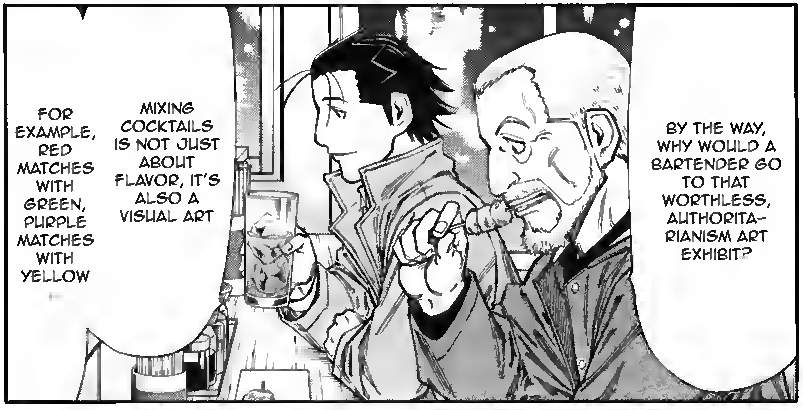
HEY, GIVE ME ANO-THER!
HA~

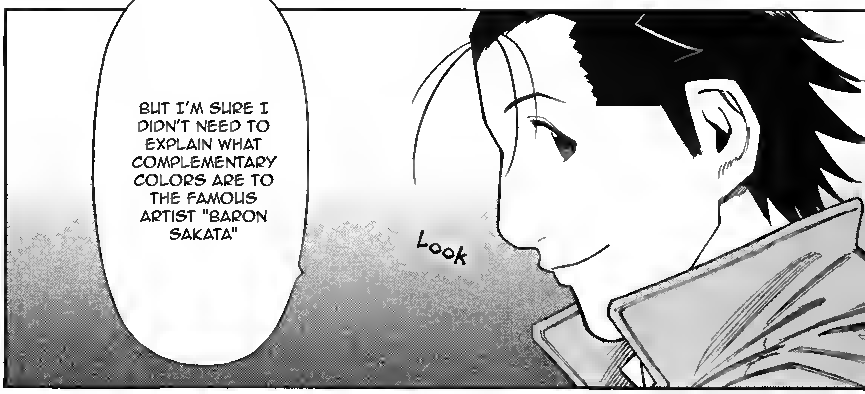

I HAVEN'T BEEN BACK TO JAPAN IN 35 YEARS, IT'S TOO LONELY TO DRINK BY MYSELF

I DON'T WANT TO BE WITH A DRUNK ON MY DAY OFF!
WHY RE YOU DRAGGING ME ALONG WITH YOU? I'M JUST A INNOCENT BYSTANDER

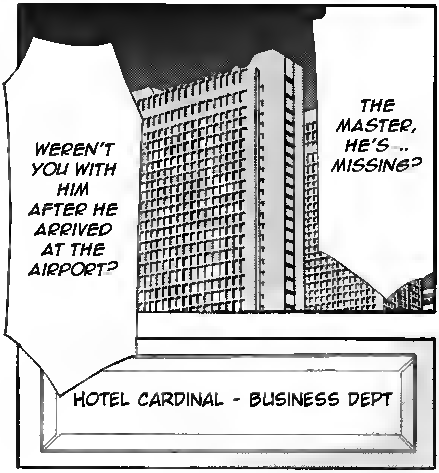


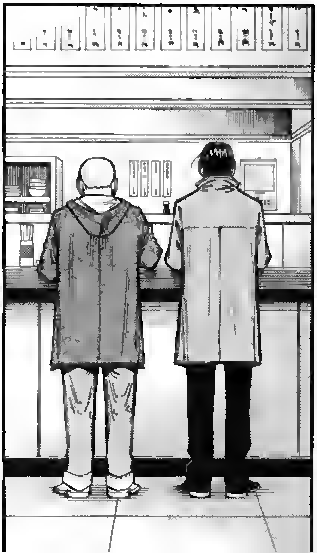

WOULD YOU LEAVE A PITIFUL, OLD MAN LIKE ME STRANDED!? AMIGO! MY DRINKING BUDDY!
Shake
Shake
WHICH PART OF YOU IS PITIFUL

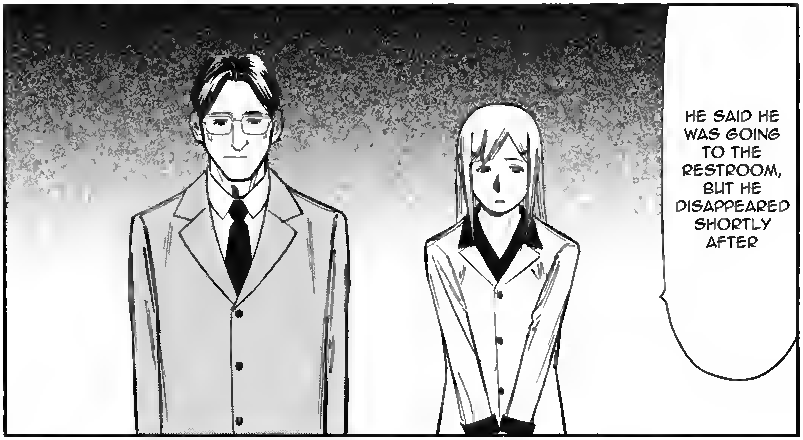

BY THE WAY, WHY WOULD A BARTENDER GO TO THAT WORTHLESS, AUTHORITA-RIANISM ART EXHIBIT?
MIXING COCKTAILS IS NOT JUST ABOUT FLAVOR, IT'S ALSO A VISUAL ART
FOR EXAMPLE, RED MATCHES WITH GREEN, PURPLE MATCHES WITH YELLOW

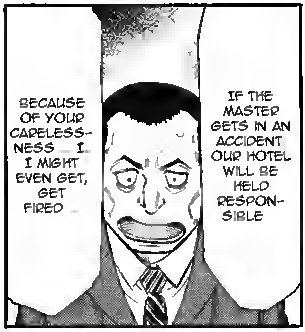

BUT I'M SURE I DIDN'T NEED TO EXPLAIN WHAT COMPLEMENTARY COLORS ARE TO THE FAMOUS ARTIST "BARON SAKATA"
Look

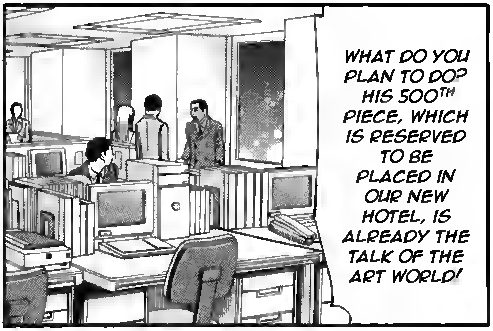
Chew
Chew
SO YOU KNOW WHO I AM...


WEREN'T YOU WITH HIM AFTER HE ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT?
THE MASTER, HE'S... MISSING?
HOTEL CARDINAL - BUSINESS DEPT




HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO THE RESTROOM, BUT HE DISAPPEARED SHORTLY AFTER


BECAUSE OF YOUR CARELESS-NESS... I... I MIGHT EVEN GET, GET FIRED...
IF THE MASTER GETS IN AN ACCIDENT OUR HOTEL WILL BE HELD RESPON-SIBLE


WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO? HIS 500TH PIECE, WHICH IS RESERVED TO BE PLACED IN OUR NEW HOTEL, IS ALREADY THE TALK OF THE ART WORLD!

THIS IS A NATIO-NAL CRISIS...

HE HELPED BUILD ORPHANAGES AND HOSPITALS SOME EVEN CALL HIM THE "WANDERING SAINT"...
YEA, MASTER SAKATA HIROKI, REFERRED TO AS "BARON", IS A CELEBRITY WHO RECEIVED A MEDAL IN SPAIN

YE, YES! I'M VERY SORRY!
YANAGISHITA! WHY'RE YOU SPACING OUT? WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SUGGESTED TO INVITE MASTER SAKATA HERE TO SEE THE HOTEL WHILE IT'S IN CONSTUCTION? YOU SAID THIS MAY INSPIRE HIM!
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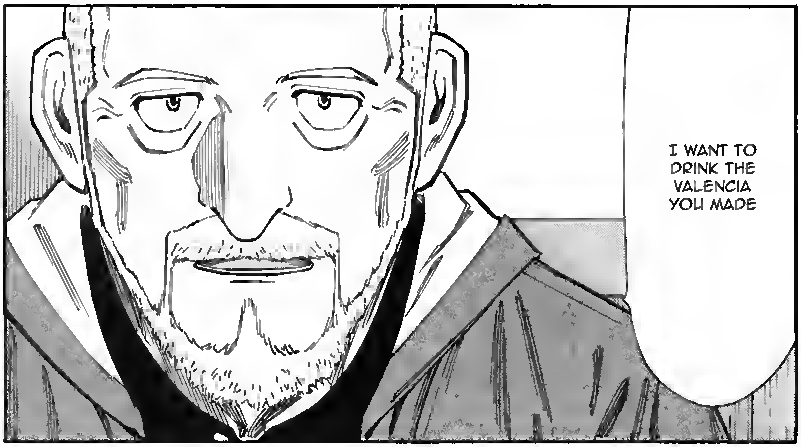
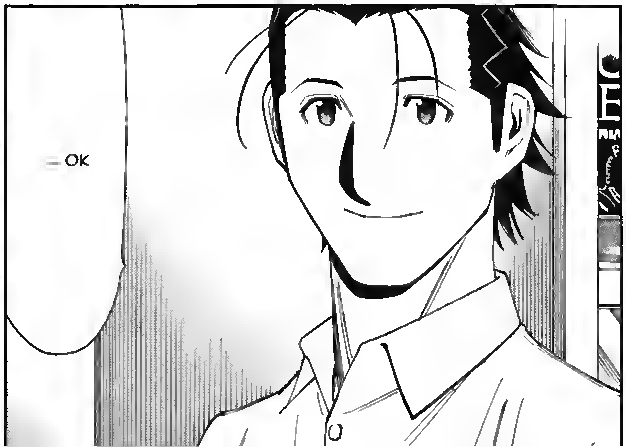
AHㅡㅡㅡㅡ IF I KNEW BEFORE-HAND, I WOULD'VE TOSSED YOUR IDEA OUT THE WINDOW!
DON'T TOUCH THAT!
OHㅡ SO THIS IS YOUR BAR! SORRY TO DISTURB YOU ON YOUR DAY OFF

MM, OF COURSE
WHEN I HEARD YOU SAY YOU ARE A BARTENDER I WONDERED DO YOU KNOW A COCKTAIL NAMED "VALENCIA"?

I ONLY BROUGHT YOU HERE CAUSE YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO DRINK MY COCKTAIL NO MATTER WHAT


I WANT TO DRINK THE VALENCIA YOU MADE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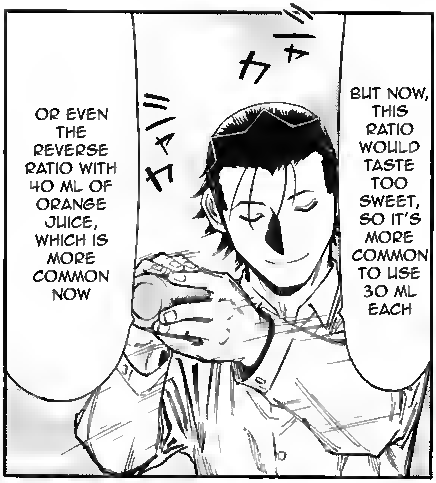
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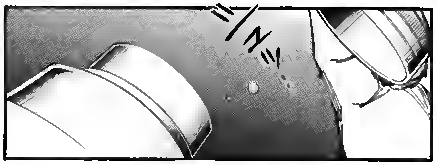
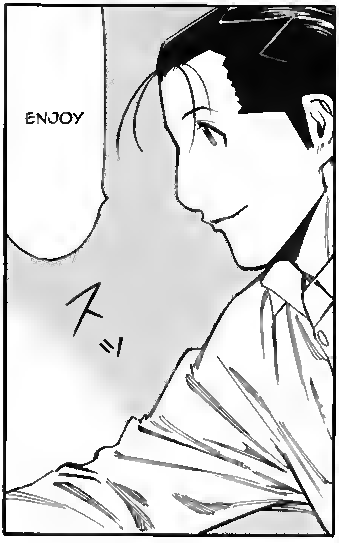
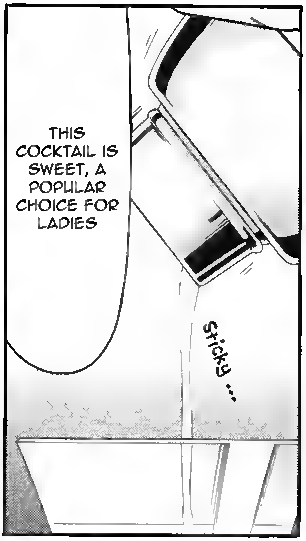
OR EVEN THE REVERSE RATIO WITH 40 ML OF ORANGE JUICE, WHICH IS MORE COMMON NOW
BUT NOW, THIS RATIO WOULD TASTE TOO SWEET, SO IT'S MORE COMMON TO USE 30 ML EACH

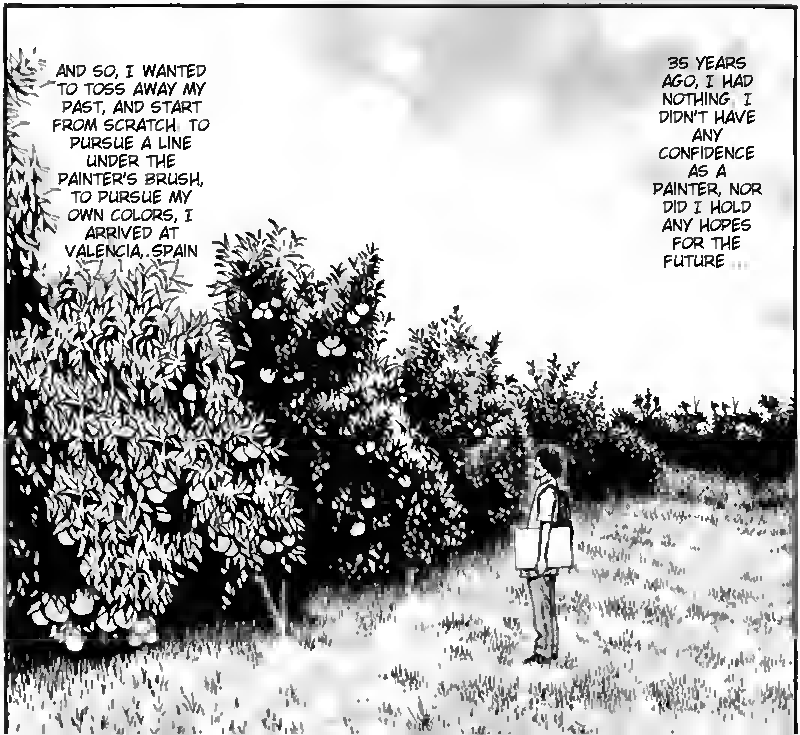


BACK THEN, IT WAS MADE WITH APRICOT BRANDY 40 ML ORANGE JUICE 20 ML
CUSENIER
Apricot Brandy

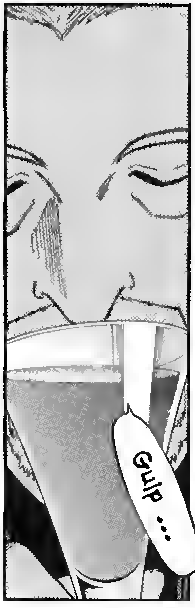

ENJOY


THIS COCKTAIL IS SWEET, A POPULAR CHOICE FOR LADIES
Sticky ...

NOLSTAGIC — I HAVEN'T HAD THIS IN 35 YEARS
THIS IS VALENCIA

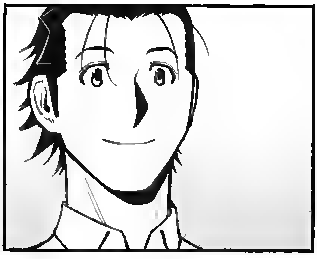

AND SO, I WANTED TO TOSS AWAY MY PAST, AND START FROM SCRATCH. TO PURSUE A LINE UNDER THE PAINTER'S BRUSH, TO PURSUE MY OWN COLORS, I ARRIVED AT VALENCIA, SPAIN
35 YEARS AGO, I HAD NOTHING. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE AS A PAINTER, NOR DID I HOLD ANY HOPES FOR THE FUTURE...

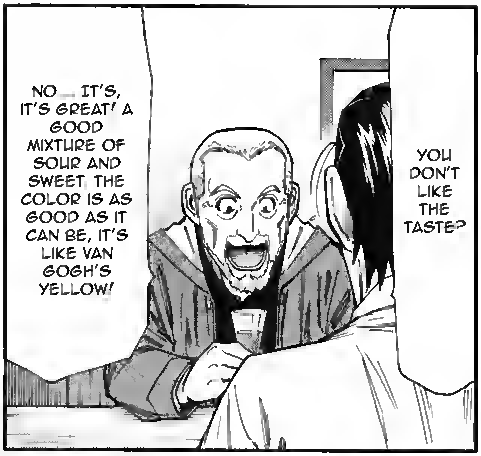
THE VALENCIA I HAD THEN NOT ONLY QUENCHED MY THIRST
BUT IT EVEN ... REPLENISHED MY TIRED, LONELY SOUL


Gulp ...

WELL THEN

I'M VERY SORRY THAT I FORCED YOU TO ACCOMPANY ME ALL DAY




NO — IT'S, IT'S GREAT! A GOOD MIXTURE OF SOUR AND SWEET. THE COLOR IS AS GOOD AS IT CAN BE, IT'S LIKE VAN GOGH'S YELLOW!
YOU DON'T LIKE THE TASTE?

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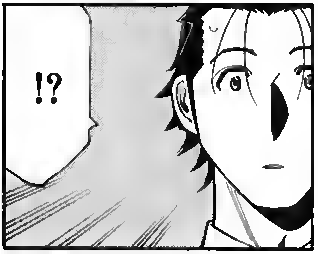
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THE ODDBALL OF THE ART WORLD, THE NOTORIOUS CRITIC, BARON SAKATA. IT DOESN'T SUIT YOU TO PRAISE OTHERS

HA HA HA! IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T TASTE LIKE SOMETHING YOU CAN CREATE FROM LOOKING AT CRAPPY PAINTINGS!
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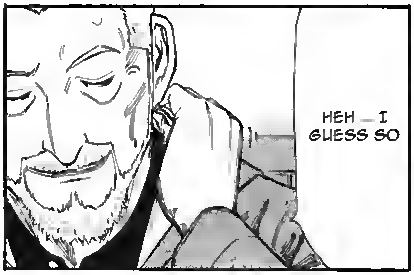
HEH — I GUESS SO

PERHAPS, I NEVER EVEN HAD THE REAL VALENCIA BEFORE...
AS TO WHAT I WANTED... IS IT SWEETER? IS IT SPICIER? I DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT MYSELF
SORRY BUT THIS ISN'T THE VALENCIA I WANTED TO DRINK
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S THE SAME AS PAINTING
AND THIS DOESN'T TASTE HALF BAD
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, EVEN IF YOU MIX IT ANOTHER WAY, THE FLAVOR WON'T CHANGE MUCH
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EVEN IF A LINE OR TWO IS MESSED UP OR THE COLORS ARE A BIT OFF, IT WON'T AFFECT THE PIECE OVERALL

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HOW DARE YOU COMPARE A GLASS OF COCKTAIL WITH PAINTINGS I POURED MY SOUL INTO...
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

I'LL COME BY EVERY NIGHT TO DRINK, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE TO MAKE ME "THE VALENCIA THAT I WANT"
INTERE-STING! I'LL BE IN JAPAN FOR TWO MORE DAYS!
Ding...
I GET IT I'M WRONG
THIS GLASS OF COCKTAIL IS YOUR CANVAS
NISSAN
GINZA LION
MY BRAIN CAN'T FUNCTION PROPERLY TODAY!
NO
Depressed...
WHAT IS IT?
FEELS LIKE I'M MISSING A KEY FACTOR

IT'S ALL RIGHT

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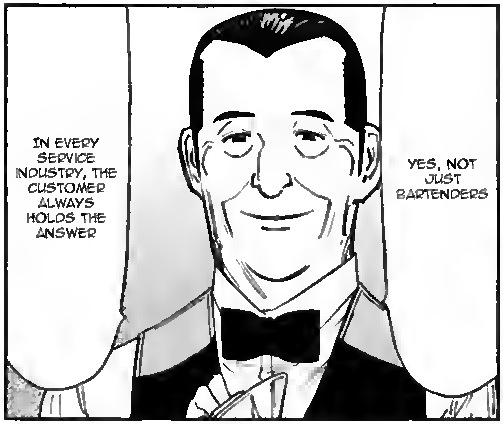
OH SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED A PITY THAT IT SPOILED YOUR VACATION


IN EVERY SERVICE INDUSTRY, THE CUSTOMER ALWAYS HOLDS THE ANSWER
YES, NOT JUST BARTENDERS

IS IT ... THE CUSTO-MER?
WHEN BAR-TENDERS BECOME CONFUSED, WHO CAN GIVE US THE ANSWER ...

THEN ... WHAT KIND OF CUSTOMER IS "BARON SAKATA" ANYWAYS ...
THAT'S TRUE ...

?
LONELY ...?
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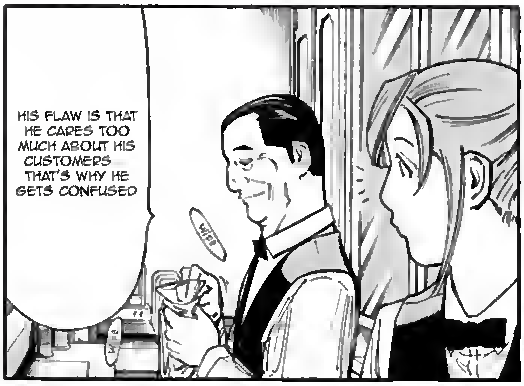
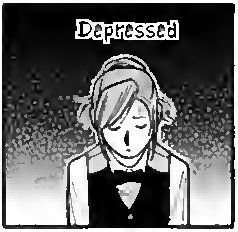
HOW COME YOU'RE BEING ALL LONELY AND DEPRESSED?
HOW COME I DIDN'T REALIZE SOMETHING SO SIMPLE!?
Clang!
THAT'S RIGHT!
SIGH ... HE'S CLEARLY A PROFESSIONAL BARTENDER. HOW CAN HE LET A CUSTOMER LEAD HIM BY THE NOSE?


HIS FLAW IS THAT HE CARES TOO MUCH ABOUT HIS CUSTOMERS THAT'S WHY HE GETS CONFUSED
I GUESS SASAKURA ISN'T A PRO AFTER ALL!
Heh heh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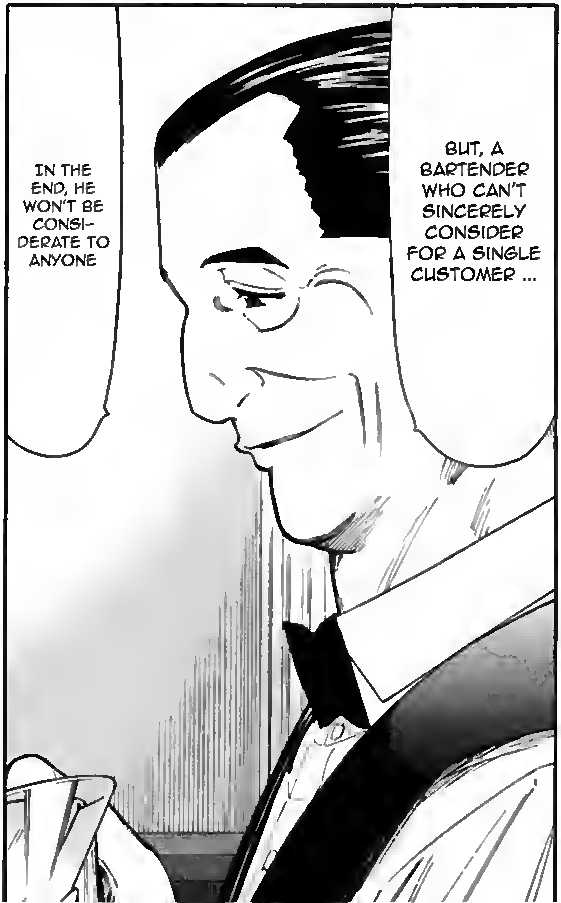

IN THE END, HE WON'T BE CONSI-DERATE TO ANYONE
BUT, A BARTENDER WHO CAN'T SINCERELY CONSIDER FOR A SINGLE CUSTOMER ...

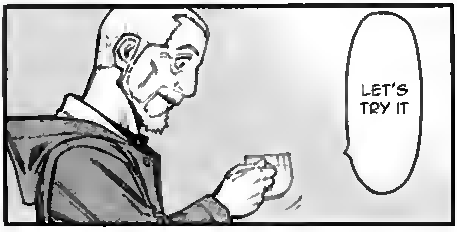
NEXT DAY

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
MY DRINKING BUDDY!
HA HA HA! AMIGO!
MM? IS THIS A GLASS FOR COCKTAILS?
Clang ...
I THINK, THIS IS THE VALENCIA SAKATA-SAN DRANK 35 YEARS AGO
Clang ...
IT'S A PUNCH GLASS

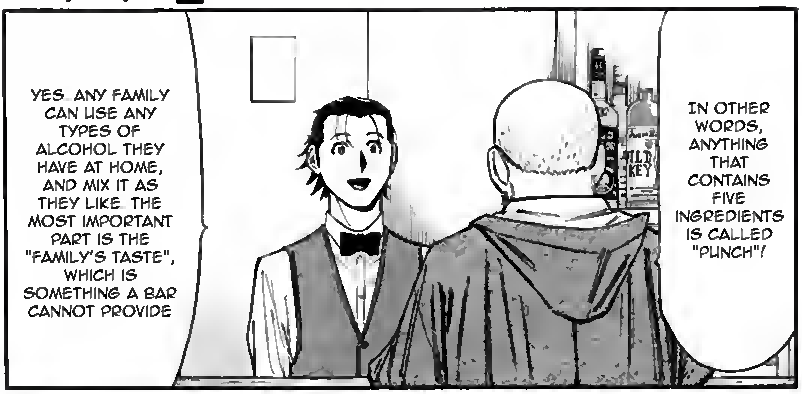
ORANGE JUICE 750 ML COINTREAU 100 ML SUGAR 50 G AND WATER
IT'S MADE WITH SPANISH SPARKLING WINE, CAVA 250 ML

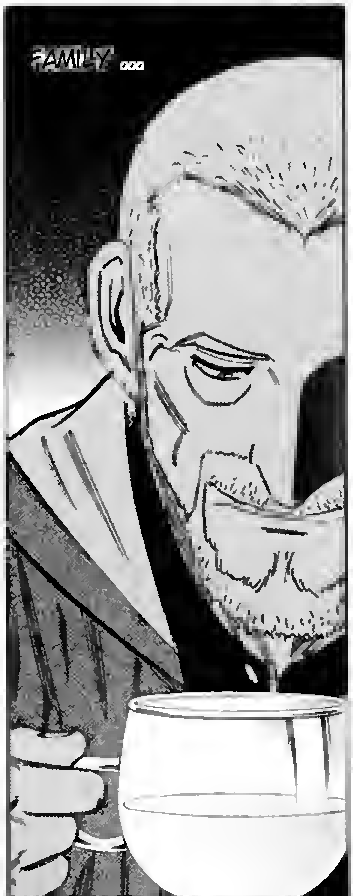
ENJOY
PUNCH IS NORMALLY MADE IN LARGE QUANTITIES, SO MOST BARS DON'T SERVE THEM

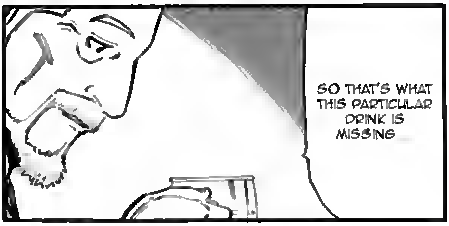
WHICH MEANS "THE WATER OF VALENCIA"
IN VALENCIA, SPAIN, THIS DRINK IS CALLED "AGUA DE VALENCIA"

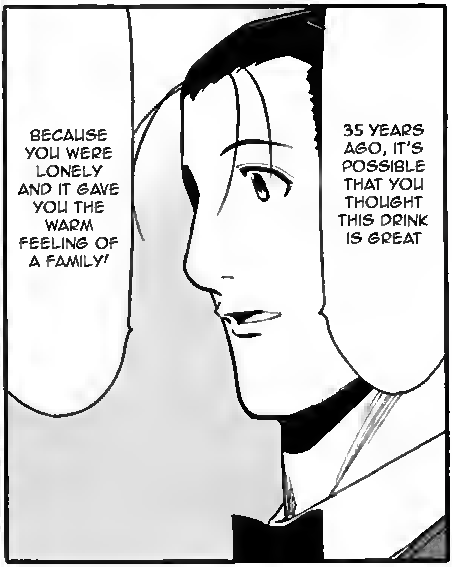

LET'S TRY IT

THIS IS THE VALENCIA THAT I DRANK 35 YEARS AGO!
OH... THIS SILKY SWEET AND REFRESHINGLY SOUR FLAVOR. I REMEMBER THIS IS THE TASTE THAT SOOTHED MY ACHING THROAT
Gulp!
SOME-THING IS MIS-SING?
BUT SOMETHING IS MISSING FROM THIS DRINK
IN THE 17TH CENTURY, A DRINK APPEARED IN INDIA, WHICH CONSISTED OF FIVE INGREDIENTS - ARAK, SUGAR, LIME, SPICE, AND WATER. THIS DRINK WAS LATER PASSED TO EUROPE, BECOMING A COMMON HOUSEHOLD BEVERAGE. THEN, IT WAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
PUNCH IS A HINDI LOAN WORD THAT MEANS "FIVE"


IN OTHER WORDS, ANYTHING THAT CONTAINS FIVE INGREDIENTS IS CALLED "PUNCH"!
YES. ANY FAMILY CAN USE ANY TYPES OF ALCOHOL THEY HAVE AT HOME, AND MIX IT AS THEY LIKE. THE MOST IMPORTANT PART IS THE "FAMILY'S TASTE", WHICH IS SOMETHING A BAR CANNOT PROVIDE


FAMILY...


SO THAT'S WHAT THIS PARTICULAR DRINK IS MISSING


35 YEARS AGO, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT YOU THOUGHT THIS DRINK IS GREAT
BECAUSE YOU WERE LONELY AND IT GAVE YOU THE WARM FEELING OF A FAMILY!

TOMORROW, I WANT TO BRING SOME EMPLOYEES THAT WORK AT THE HOTEL WHERE MY ARTWORK WILL BE EXHIBITED IS THAT OK?
OF COURSE
THERE IS SOMEONE I WANT TO DRINK WITH
YOU HAVE FRIENDS IN JAPAN?

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